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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 27, 2001, said period of response being extended from December 27, 2001 to March 27, 2001.

Our check in the amount of \$920 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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